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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - April 25, 2006

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Matthew Havis Finley pled guilty yesterday in federal court in San Diego to manufacturing fentanyl, a Schedule II Controlled Substance. Finley entered his guilty plea before United States Magistrate Judge Cathy Ann Bencivengo, subject to final acceptance of the plea by the Honorable Jeffrey T. Miller, United States District Court Judge, at the time of sentencing.

According to court documents, Finley was a graduate student in the chemistry program at San Diego State University at the time of the offense. A surveillance camera recorded Finley as he used a campus laboratory to manufacture methamphetamine, Ecstasy (MDMA), fentanyl, and phenyl-2-propanone (P2P). On June 15, 2005, federal agents arrested Finley, who admitted manufacturing the drugs. Agents also served a search warrant at Finley's residence and recovered additional MDMA and fentanyl, a controlled substance with effects similar to heroin or morphine. As part of his guilty plea, Finley admitted manufacturing about 6.1 grams of fentanyl, 15.4 grams of methamphetamine, 35 grams of MDMA, and .8 liters of P2P from

October 2004 to June 2005. Finley faces a maximum of 20 years in prison, a \$1 million fine, and at least 3 years' supervised release.

A hearing is scheduled before Judge Miller on July 21, 2006, 9:00 a.m., for final acceptance of the plea and sentencing.

DEFENDANT

Matthew Havis Finley

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Manufacturing a Controlled Substance in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).
Maximum Penalties: 20 years in prison, \$1 million fine, and 3 years' supervised release.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Drug Enforcement Administration
San Diego State University Police Department
Drug Enforcement Administration, Southwest Laboratory